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| **Type of Call – Call dedicated to operations of strategic importance (OSI)**  |
| **Project Acronym & Code** | **TERES****ROHU00623** |
| **Project Title** | Timely and efficient response in case of emergency situations in cross border area |
| **Priority** | P1 - Cooperation for a green and more resilient cross-border area between Romania and Hungary |
| **Specific objective** | RS02.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches |
| **Implementation period** | 36 months (23.12.2024 – 22.12.2027) |
| **Project Overall Objective**  | Enhancing the safety and protection of the population in the eligible area by strengthening climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention through the establishment of cross-border disaster response and situational operations centers, the development of advanced training facilities, capacity building initiatives, and joint interventions by institutions responsible for emergency management. |
| **Partnership** | **Lead Partner:** General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (RO) |
| **Project Partners:** PP2 – "Crisana" Inspectorate for Emergency Situations of Bihor County (RO)PP3 - "Somes" Inspectorate for Emergency Situations of Satu Mare County (RO)PP4 – Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County Disaster Management Directorate (HU) |
| **Total Budget** | 10.903.255,52 EUR, out of which 7,210,668.50 EUR ERDF |
| **Summary** | The project addresses the main challenges faced by the cross-border region of Romania and Hungary in connection to climate change and disaster risks. A significant improvement in the safety and security of the population in the cross-border area is expected to be registered after project implementation. By increasing the preparedness of first responders through joint training, strengthening cross-border cooperation and modernizing the capacity of emergency services with better equipment and facilities, the project will enable faster and more efficient responses to emergencies. In addition, the creation of flood control systems and improved disaster management will increase preparedness for cross-border risks, while promoting greater public confidence in emergency response.Many emergency situations such as floods, earthquakes and forest fires, affect both Romanian and Hungarian territory simultaneously. These challenges require a common approach, in order to be more effective in saving lives and protecting property. In this regard, the project proposes a three-stage approach: * joint training of Romanian and Hungarian professionals in the field of emergency response and disaster management in specialized training centers;
* development of a common training plan and curriculum;
* Implementation of joint exercises in the cross-border area to strengthen cooperation and preparedness.

The analysis of the legal framework within the two partner countries will provide possible solutions for the development of a joint cooperation plan, as well as for establishing an information exchange flow that will lead to better disaster management.The project will introduce innovative cross-border cooperation mechanisms, such as advanced communication networks, joint training sessions, unified data systems, coordinated response plans, shared resources and regular cross-border exercises, all of which aim to improve information exchange and collaboration between Romania and Hungary in cases of emergency management. |
| **Main results** | The project’s main anticipated results are:* Development of a cross-border common emergency intervention plan;
* Development of a joint training and implementation program, as well as implementing “the first response” concept;
* Development of the joint disaster management concept in the border area, with the cooperation of intervention and control centres;
* Construction and equipment of a multifunctional training centre in Marghita, Bihor County.
* Establishment of a disaster management centre in Satu-Mare, Satu-Mare county.
* Establishment of a Flood Control Training Centre (in Mátészalka) and a Storm Control Training Centre (in Nyíregyháza), in Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county.
* Organization of 20 joint training sessions in the field of risk management.
* Organizing a joint exercise in the field of risk management
* Increasing operational capacity by purchasing specialized equipment (protective equipment for personnel involved in managing emergency situations, special vehicles and vehicles for transporting personnel to the site of intervention) to provide adequate responses to the challenges of climate change and to increase the efficiency of emergency intervention
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